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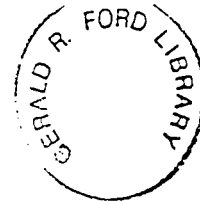
We have a serious, possibly critical funding problem. We run out of money today to finance the Guam operation already under way.

The picture on the Hill is very confused and it does not seem likely that we can count on getting an adequate bill today.

To be sure we can proceed as rapidly as possible we are preparing the necessary papers to transfer funds from the Indochina Post-War Reconstruction fund to the Refugee account. During the day the legal people will determine whether the Secretary can direct this transfer or if it must be the President.

Either way it is terribly important that we accomplish this today.

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Brent:

NO DECISION ON THIS IS YET NEEDED,
ACCORDING TO DEAN BROWN, BUT
HE WANTED TO ALERT YOU TO THE
PROBLEM IN CASE URGENT ACTION
IS NEEDED.